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Telling the Camp Victory story

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bservance remembers Holocaust victims

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Laurence Lang

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Multi-National Corps-Iraq Equal Opportunity Office held a Days of Remembrance observance in the Al Faw Palace, Tuesday.

The observance, honoring the millions of victims of the Holocaust, is a reminder of what can happen if people turn a blind eye to hatred and prejudice.

After the horrors of the Holocaust, Jews wanted a day to memorialize this tragedy.

On April 12, 1951, the Knesset parliament) proclaimed (Holocaust and Ghetto Revolt Remembrance Day) to be the 27th of Nissan (by the Jewish Calendar). The name later became known as Yom Hashoah Ve Hagevurah (Devastation and Heroism Day) and even later simplified to Yom Hashoah.

This year, the Days of Remembrance

fall between Sunday, April 23, and Sunday, April 30, with Holocaust Remembrance

who testified during the trials of Nazi war criminals.

> The theme also pays tribute to those who tirelessly work for the cause of justice, both then and

> The palace rotunda photos of the Holocaust posted throughout the day for people to view and try to understand the horrors which took place, not only for the six million Jewish people who perished, but for everyone the Holocaust had an impact on.

> "Remembering is important because genocide still occurs today," said Maj. Jeffrey S. Yarvis, 30th Medical Brigade, G5.

"The Holocaust is not a Jewish problem, it is a human problem and the seeds of that problem remain firmly planted just below the surface. We can indeed never forget."

The guest speaker for the observance

was Chaplain (Cmdr.) Mitchell Schranz, see REMEMBRANCE, page 2



Yom Hashoah U'Mered HaGetaot Spc. Alexander Garcia, C6, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, looks at photos of the Holocaust during the Days of Remembrance observance held at the Al Faw Palace Tuesday.

Day observed on April 25.

The theme for this year's commemoration is "Legacies of Justice," in honor of the courage of, and the precedents set by, those

Camp Victory Three-day forecast

Friday



Sunny High: 93 F Low: 64 F

Saturday



Partly Cloudy High: 95 F Low: 70 F

Sunday



Mostly Sunny High: 100 F Low: 72 F

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Troops, civilians don red dresses for charity

Story and photo by Lance Cpl. Drew Hendricks

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The first Camp Victory Red Dress Run was held by the Lost Lake Hash House Harriers here, Sunday.

Red Dress Run, an annual event held by all Hashes worldwide, is primarily used as a fundraiser for charity. The Red Dress Run raised money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

The purpose of the run is to raise the interest of bystanders who see the runners in their outlandish wardrobes, thereby increasing their chances of soliciting donations for the designated charity organization, said a leader of the group.

Some Red Dress Runs have had hundreds of runners participate.

"The D.C. area Red Dress Run has had over 800 runners participate in it," said Jim Fenton, an information technician. Servicemembers and civilians red women's clothing they are bound to ask "The tourists love it. One year, we had over 1,200 gallons of beer at the event as well."

run during the first Camp Victory Red Dress Run here,

The Camp Victory run raised more than \$1,000 for their charity. "We had a great turnout; one person donated \$500 for the

charity," said Patt Scott, a member of the group.

The Hash House Harriers are not a fitness club. On the contrary, the object is not to win or to even exercise, but to spend time and fellowship with those who enjoy a good laugh and friendly banter.

"No rank, no service affiliation and no bad feelings. We get together to have fun and let loose of inhibitions," said Scott Martin, whose original hash is in Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

There are other themed runs besides the Red Dress Runs, like the Mardi Gras run.

The Red Dress run is special to the Harriers due to its fundraising theme.

"If people see a bunch of men wearing bright questions," said a leader of the group. "It's just another way to give back to the community."

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Deputy Force Chaplain, Multi-National Force-Iraq.

He discussed with the audience the importance of remembering happened and how we need to apply what happened to today and teach our children about the wrongness of racism, prejudice and intolerance.

Schranz shared with the group a story of his growing up in the Bronx during the 50s. He mentioned that when a Soldier would walk through the neighborhood, the older folks would look admiringly upon the Soldier and get up to greet the Soldier and invite him for dinner. He was a hero in their neighborhood because many of the older folks in the neighborhood

were survivors of the Holocaust and they would remember when the Soldiers came crashing through the gates of places like Triblenka, Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen and liberated and gave them life. He further explained that the Soldiers did not just free them and leave.

"The Army actually set up hospitals and provided medical supplies to save as many survivors as they could and were looked upon as heroes," he said.

He compared the troops here in Iraq to the heroes of then because they too have given up so much to help free a country that has experienced tyranny and suffering.

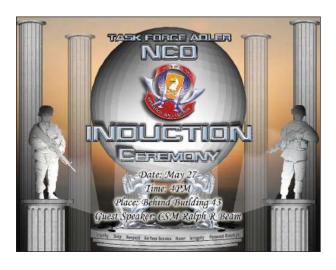
"You put your lives on hold to help people you have never even met," said Schranz "What a great thing that is. What an act of faith and courage on your part."

He encouraged people to walk away from this deployment not with a feeling of despair, but with pride knowing that they are doing something great and something courageous and are following in the footsteps of the Soldiers of WWII.

"It is a great honor to be doing what you do. You do it so professionally," he added.

Schranz concluded the observance with a prayer talking about humanity and kindness even under the most cruel and inhumane conditions imaginable.

"Every life is sacred and precious," said Schranz. "It is important that we remember the lessons of the Holocaust, so that we may be on guard that such things never happen again to anyone."





This driver was wearing his seat belt, driving within the speed limit and he was in his proper lane.



The driver of this vehicle had his life tragically altered by a reckless driver.

Don't be the OTHER driver!!

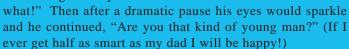
Chaplain's corner

Victory – It IS Done

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4

OK, already I know today's title is NOT the V Corps Motto, "Victory – It Will Be Done". You can see already where I am going with today's Chaplain Corner. It is all in the syntax! My victory of faith IS done! It is not an event that is to occur sometime in the future.

Just being a Soldier, Marine, Airman, sailor or civilian of faith in a difficult time is itself a victory. When things got really tough for me as a teenager, my Dad would tell me, "Charlie, anybody can give up, anybody can throw in the towel. It is not easy to keep your faith when things go to pieces around you. It takes a man of character, conviction and courage to stay the course no matter



In the most difficult hour of His life, Jesus told the disciples



CH (MAJ) Charles M. Herring Religious Support Operations MNC-I Chaplain Office

they need not be scared because He had "overcome the world." Jesus had refused to be overcome, overrun, and overwhelmed by the events of his life. He had not given in to the tremendous pressures which could have led Him to doubt God's control of the world.

When I keep clear in my mind the assurance that right does win because it is held in God's hands, that the wrong does fail because it is against God's will, that my life is more secure in God's hands than anywhere else, that all the family and friends that I love are in God's providence – that is a VICTORY! I always win in that war against worry.

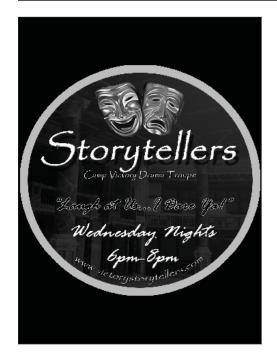
Anybody can give up. Anybody can throw in the towel. It is most definitely difficult to keep faith when things go to pieces all around us. It takes people of character,

conviction and courage to stay the course. Are you that type of person? Claim the victory in your life over despair, doubt and disbelief.

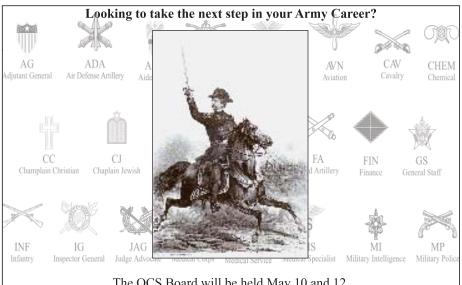
Victory - It IS Done!

Letters from home

SPC Steven Navarro, V Corp Artillery, "HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY!!!! We love you and miss you very much." Love, Your wife Jessica and your two baby boys Joseph and Jesse







The OCS Board will be held May 10 and 12.

The OCS packets will be accepted by the PSB until 1 May 2006. The APFT date must be after 31 Dec 2005 and the packet must be complete. Any packets turned in after 1 May will not be accepted for the May Board but will

be held for the next board.

Rock & Roll Marathon and Half-Marathon April 29, 6 a.m. - Noon Camp Speicher, Tikrit

To register for the race and schedule temporary lodging contact Capt. Janet Tye at <u>Janet.tye@us.army.mi</u>



If you're interested in getting on an ASR to Fly from Victory to Speicher on the 28th contact Capt. Patrick Stich NLT 1200 on 23 April At DSN 318-822-2121

NOTE:

Marathon = 26.2 miles 1/2 Marathon = 13.1 miles

0r patrick.stich@centcom.iraq.mil

Return trip will be on you.

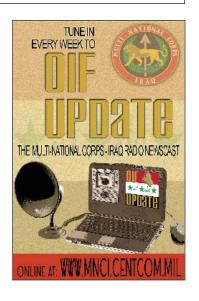




CAMP VICTORY BOXING SHOW Saturday, April 29

- · Boxers Wanted. Open to all U.S., Coalition, & Contract personnel. Male/Female. All weight classes & levels of experience welcome.
- Mandatory meeting for boxers & coaches Friday, April 21 @ 7:30 p.m., Camp Victory Gym.
- Mandatory pre-fight weigh-in Friday, April 28 @ 7:30 p.m., Camp Victory Gym.
- Event will be held Saturday, April 29 @7:30 p.m. near the Camp Victory Gym.
- Contact Sgt Patrick Bierenday at DSN: 822-3266, patrick.bierenday@us.army.mil for further information.





Operating hours

Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m. Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

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Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.

Shopette

Open 24 Hours

Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Golby Troop Medical Clinic Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon Legal Assistance/Claims

Saturday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Personnel Service Support Centers

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ID Cards

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.





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HOURS OF OPERATION: Wed. 2 - 8 P.M.

Sun. 2 - 8 P.M.

Contact Camp Liberty Post Office for any questions. DSN 302-242-4391



Photo courtesy of 738th ASMC

Staff Sgt. Renee Anker, 738th Area Support Medical Company, Indiana Army National Guard, reenlisted March 19. A total of five 738th Soldiers reenlisted for six years.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Hazards caused by improper use of extension cords and power strips

- One of the most common causes of fires in theater is the overloading of circuits.
 This is caused from the improper use of power strips and extension cords.
- 2. Most locations are wired to provide ample outlets in each room. Overloading outlets with multiple plug connectors or extensions cords is very dangerous. If this happens, circuits may become overloaded, causing the wires to melt and possibly igniting a fire. Just because there is an open plug does not mean the circuit can handle it.
- NEVER daisy chain extension cords; they are designed for the lengths that they are manufactured.
- 4. LEARN the limits of extension cords and power strips, use them accordingly
- ENSURE fire extinguishers are available and is rated for the fire hazards that are present.

AVOIDANCE MEASURES: INSPECT all working and living areas for these types of hazards. DISCONNECT all excess items, daisy chained power strips and daisy chained extension cords. Ensure everyone understands the proper use of extension cords and power strips. All personnel must be trained on the proper use of fire extinguishers.





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Look for secondary explosive devices.



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